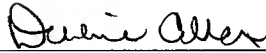


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In re Application of:	§	
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	§	Examiner: PHILIP C. TUCKER
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

Applicants hereby request continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application.

This request is being submitted before (i) the abandonment of this application; (ii) payment of the issue fee; (iii) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; or (iv) the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or 35 U.S.C. § 146.

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on June 28, 2007 (the "Final Office Action"), and the Advisory Action mailed September 10, 2007 (the "Advisory Action"),

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Final Office Action in light of the amendments and remarks below.

- **Preliminary Amendment** begins on page 3 of this paper; and
- **Remarks / Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.